

Surge Moves One Step Closer to Becoming Law

Washington, DC – Tuesday, the House of Representatives once again voiced their support for Harry Teague's border security surge by passing the 2010 Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Bill (HR 6080). The bill, which provides \$600 million to bolster border security efforts along the US-Mexico border, passed the Senate last week with unanimous support and needs one final approval from the Senate before being sent to the President to be signed into law.

After House passage of the bill, Teague called on the Senate to reconvene immediately to approve the bill so authorities can quickly surge security resources to the border.

The funding surge provides additional support to current border patrol activities, including additional Border Patrol agents and other border enforcement officials, new forward operating bases for the Border Patrol, and more law enforcement resources to fight drug smuggling and the spillover of drug violence into the U.S., without adding to the deficit. To pay for these enhancements to border security, the Senate bill raises fees on H-1B visas that companies use to hire foreign skilled workers. The higher fees will be imposed on companies who have more than 50 percent of their employees on H-1B visas.

"This boost in border security funding is critical in taking a serious step in cracking down on border violence and protecting New Mexican families. The Senate must return and pass the legislation immediately," said Harry Teague, an original co-sponsor of the bill. "As Vice-Chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, I have worked tirelessly to get our National Guard to the border and give the Border Patrol the tools they need to protect us. This bill will do just that – put more boots on the ground, build more forward operating bases so our agents can spend their time protecting the border instead of commuting to it, and provide the critical support that our country needs to ensure that the violence does not cross in to our country."

The bill is the exact text as the legislation passed by the Senate last week. Following today's vote in the House, the legislation will return to the Senate for final approval before being sent to the President.

Harry Teague has consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. In April, he called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) to address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#) to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies.

The bill would provide:

- \$176 million for 1,000 new Border Patrol agents to form a “strike force” to be deployed at most-needed areas
- \$50 million for 250 new ICE personnel, including special agents, intelligence analysts and support personnel
- \$39 million for Customs and Border Protection to keep the current levels of officers
- \$37 million for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents along the border
- \$34 million for Drug Enforcement Administration agents along the border
- \$32 million to deploy unmanned aerial vehicle surveillance drones
- \$30 million for border interdiction by Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- \$29 million for 250 new Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry
- \$24 million for FBI agents along the border
- \$21 million Interagency Crime and Drug Law enforcement along the border
- \$20 million for the federal prison system to detain immigrant criminals
- \$14 million for communication equipment for new officers
- \$13 million for U.S. attorneys and other legal expenses
- \$10 million for federal judiciary resources for an anticipated higher caseload
- \$10 million for investigators to stop corruption in the Border Patrol and Customs and

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- \$8 million for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
- \$8 million for U.S marshals along the border
- \$7 million for border processing of apprehended drug dealers and human traffickers
- \$6 million to deploy forward operating bases along the border (as opposed to using current bases that are 100 miles away)
- \$2.1 million for expediting administrative review and appeals along the border

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